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The timely response filed on February 13, 2003 is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because applicant did not elect a heterologous sequence among inventions (A)-(E). Applicants have canceled claims 16-18 in an attempt to silence the request for the Election/Restriction requirement among groups (A)-(E). However, claim 19 comprises sequences directed to inventions (A)-(E) as disclosed in the Election/Restriction requirement of paper No. 9. Therefore, Applicant is required to elect among the heterologous sequences (A)-(E). Applicant must make his or her own election. The examiner will not make the election for the applicant. 37 CFR 1.142, 37 CFR 1.143, second sentence.

Since the submission appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to provide a complete reply to the prior Office action, applicant is given a shortened statutory period of ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS from the mailing date of this letter, whichever is longer, to submit a complete reply.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ulrike Winkler, Ph.D. whose telephone number is 703-308-8294. The examiner can normally be reached M-F, 8:30 am - 5 pm. The examiner can also be reached via email [ulrike.winkler@uspto.gov].

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Housel, can be reached at 703-308-4027.

The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-308-4242 or for informal communications use 703-746-3162.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-0196.



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